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SUBJECT: NAPLES AREA WORKERS STRIKE FOR JOBS; PROTEST GENERAL
INSTRUMENT DISMISSALS

REF: NAPLES 0048; NAPLES MEMCONS RE GENERAL INSTRUMENT (JAN 10 &
16, 1975)

1. FOUR-HOUR GENERAL STRIKE, MARCH OF 6000 WORKERS AND A PUBLIC
MEETING HIGHLIGHTED GENERALLY ORDERLY QUOTE STRUGGLE DAY UNQUOTE
IN PHLEGRAEAN-GIUGLIANO INDUSTRIAL ZONE WEST AND NORTH OF NAPLES,
JAN 21. CGIL-CISL-UIL UNION FEDERATION, FACTORY WORKERS COUNCILS,
POLITICAL LEADERS (PCI MAYORS OF GIUGLIANO AND SANT'ANTIMO; DC VICE-
MAYOR OF QUALIANO), PLUS FARM WORKERS AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
PARTICIPATED.

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2. PROTESTS AGAINST ATTEMPT BY AMERICAN-OWNED GENERAL INSTRUMENT
EUROPE (GIE) SUBSIDIARY TO DISMISS 314 WORKERS FIGURED PROMINENTLY
IN BANNERS DISPLAYED AND PLATFORM SPEECHES. HOWEVER, AIM OF
ORGANIZERS AND THRUST OF SPEECHES WAS TO DRAW ATTENTION TO BROADER
PROBLEMS OF INDUSTRIAL ZONE, INCLUDING RISING UNEMPLOYMENT, FALLING
PRODUCTTON, DELAYS IN INITIATION OF INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION PLANS,
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AND DIFFICULTIES OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. IN ADDITION TO GIE,

NUMEROUS ITALIAN FIRMS, GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED AND PRIVATE, WERE
CRITICIZED FROM THE SPEAKERS' PLATFORM FOR THEIR QUOTE HARD ATTACK
UNQUOTE ON AREA EMPLOYMENT LEVELS.

3. ANTICIPATED DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE HEADQUARTERS NAPLES INDUSTRIA-
LISTS' UNION FAILED TO MATERIALIZE, WHEN STRUGGLE DAY ORGANIZERS
ALTERED PLANS AT LAST MOMENT. NAPLES AUTHORITIES NONETHELESS
PROVIDED FOUR JEEP-LOADS OF POLICE TO PROVIDE PROTECTTON, WHILE
GIE MANAGEMENT MET WITH UNION LEADERS INSIDE. MEANWHILE,SITUATION
AT GIE PLANT REMAINS UNCHANGED, WITH STRIKES, SLOWDOWNS, AND
ASSEMBLIES DISRUPTING PRODUCTION. HOROWITZ

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